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MIDWEST LIVESTOCK REVIEW and RANGE AND FEEDLOT SALES

Slaughter steer and heifer prices at Corn Belt terminals were steady to 50¢ higher, mostly 25-50¢ up with Choice and Prime again showing the major share of the advance. Cows were generally steady to 50¢ higher, although sales at Sioux City and St. Louis were steady to 50¢ lower and 50-75¢ off at Sioux Falls. Feeder cattle and calves found broad demand and sold steady to 50¢ higher with some sales $1.00 up. Barrows and gilts were steady to 50¢ lower and sows were steady to 75¢ lower. Old crop slaughter lambs were strong to 50¢ higher, spring slaughter lambs steady to 25¢ higher, slaughter ewes steady to 50¢ lower, and limited numbers of feeder lambs sold steady to 25¢ higher.

SLAUGHTER CATTLE AND CALVES - Slaughter steers and heifers sold steady to 50¢ higher, generally 25-50¢ higher, thus marking the eighth weekly advance in the past nine weeks. The average cost of slaughter steers at several centers this week reached the highest point in the past two years. Moderate upturns on steer and heifer carcasses along with moderate receipts prompted the advance. Demand continued to center on the scant supply of high-Choice and Prime steers, particularly on kinds weighing over 1200#. Higher cow beef prices supported the steady to 50¢ advance in the live trade, although sales at Sioux City and St. Louis were steady to 50¢ lower and 50-75¢ off at Sioux Falls. Bulls were generally steady and vealers strong to $3.00 higher.

Slaughter steers: At Chicago 2 loads Prime 1265-1344# $32.75-33.00, most Prime 1150-1400# $31.50-32.50; high-Choice and mixed-Choice and Prime 1150-1400# $29.25-31.50. Choice 950-1400# bulked at $27.00-29.25. At other midwest terminals, high-Choice and Prime $28.25-29.00, most Choice $26.00-28.00. Load-lots mixed Good and Choice $25.25-26.00, Good $22.75-25.50.

Slaughter heifers: Most Choice $25.00-26.75, high-Choice and Prime $27.00-27.50 and load Prime $28.00 at Chicago. Good largely $22.00-25.00.

Slaughter cows: Utility and Commercial $14.75-17.00, Canner and Cutter $12.00-15.00, largely $12.50-15.00.

FEEDER CATTLE AND CALVES - A good demand existed for feeder cattle and calves and, in brisk trading, moderate supplies at midwest terminals sold unevenly steady to 50¢ higher. At Sioux City and Sioux Falls, where the after-effects of a violent winter had retarded demand during recent weeks, prices were as much as $1.00 higher. As usual at the start of a new grazing season, there was widespread interest in thin cattle under 650# and at some markets this kind led the advance. However, fleshy cattle suitable for immediate drylot feeding also came in for considerable attention and shared a large part of the higher trend. Slaughter cattle buyers often found feeder buyers aggressive competitors on fleshy two-way kinds. Cattle finishers showed noticeably less hesitance in taking on 950-1050# steers showing sufficient finish to grade high-Good and low-Choice in the beef than was the case a few weeks back.

Feeder steers: Choice, partly fattened, 975# brought $26.15; few loads Choice fleshy 800-975# $25.00-25.85; bulk Good and Choice 800-1050# $22.50-25.00, few Good and mixed Medium and Good $21.00-22.00. Scattered shipments Choice and mixed Choice and Fancy 525-650# $27.50-29.00, load 558# $32.75. Bulk Good and Choice 550-750# $24.00-27.00; Medium and mixed Medium and Good 550-750# $20.00-24.00.

Feeder heifers: Good and Choice 525-750# $21.50-26.00; 600# and heavier mostly $25.00 down. Several loads Choice 500-510# $26.25-27.00.

Feeder calves: Load Choice and Fancy 400# steers $34.00 and 422# reputation Wyomings $33.50; other Good and Choice 350-550# steers ranged $24.00-32.50, majority sales $26.00-31.00. Good and Choice 350-500# heifers $22.50-28.00.

HOGS - Terminal markets - Further improvement in road conditions throughout most of the area enabled the recent backlog of hog supplies to begin moving to market. The 12 market run was 8 percent larger than the previous week and 23 percent greater than the corresponding week a year ago. The expanded receipts and a bearish pork trade influenced lower hog prices at the majority of centers. Compared with the previous week's close, barrows and gilts were steady to 50¢ lower at most markets although sales were fully 25¢ higher at St. Paul and steady to 25¢ higher at Sioux City. Sows were steady to 75¢ lower, extremes $1.00 lower at Sioux Falls. St. Paul again was an exception with 25-50¢ higher prices. Sow receipts were estimated at 8 percent of the eight market supply the same as the previous week.

Barrows and gilts: U. S. 1-2, 190-240# $16.35-16.75, moderate volume $16.85-17.00. No. 1-3, 190-250# $15.75-16.50, large volume $15.75-16.25.

Sows: No. 1-3, 270-400# $13.50-14.75, mainly $14.00-14.50. No. 2-3, 400-550# $12.50-14.00, mainly $13.00-14.00 in the western Corn Belt.

Feeder pigs at St. Paul were 50¢ higher with Choice 120-160# selling at $15.00-15.25. At Sioux City prices were unchanged, Good and Choice 140-165# sold from $14.50-15.00.

Hogs - Interior Iowa-Southern Minnesota area receipts totaled 328,000 head, compared with 340,000 the previous week and 286,000 the corresponding week last year. Receipts were largely No. 1-3 200-250# barrows and gilts with around 6 percent of the run sows. Late price advances on barrows and gilts more than offset earlier declines and resulted in a steady to 10¢ higher weekly trend on 190-240# butchers. Heavier butchers were mainly steady. Sows 270-400# were 25¢ lower than the previous Friday, while 400-550# were about steady.

Barrows and gilts: U. S. 1-3, 200-230# closed at $15.35-16.00, No. 1-2 $15.75-16.15.

Sows: U. S. 1-3, 270-400# mainly $13.25-14.50; No. 2-3 400-550# $12.00-13.50.

Hogs - Interior Illinois - Receipts totaled 113,200 compared with 115,400 the previous week and 84,100 a year earlier. Demand was only fair throughout the week. Early and late downturns more than offset strength at midweek and barrows and gilts closed unevenly steady to 25¢ lower than the previous Friday. Sows were 25-50¢ lower.

Barrows and gilts: On Friday U. S. No. 1-3 185-240# $15.50-16.00; Southwest areas mostly $15.50-15.75. Some 200-220# $16.00-16.25, with limited volume sorted No. 1-2 $16.25-16.75. No. 1-3 230-250# $15.00-15.50.

Sows: U. S. No. 1-3 250-350# $13.75-14.75; 350-400# $13.00-13.75. No. 2-3 400-500# $12.00-13.00.

SHEEP AND LAMBS - Receipts at the 12 terminals totaled 91,000 head, 15 percent more than a week earlier but little changed from last year. Much of the expansion in marketings was noted at Denver and Fort Worth, particularly the latter market where 7,500 spring slaughter lambs were offered. Moderate marketings coupled with price upturns on dressed lamb were bullish factors supporting advances in the live trade. Compared with last week's close, old crop slaughter lambs sold strong to 50¢ higher, while spring slaughter lambs were steady to 25¢ higher. Slaughter ewes sold steady to 50¢ lower. Limited numbers of feeder lambs brought steady to 25¢ higher prices.

Old crop slaughter lambs: Choice and Choice with end of Prime 85-117# wooled sold from $17.00-18.50, many sales $17.50-18.25. Choice 117-126# $16.60-17.50. Good and Choice 80-119# $16.00-17.75, Choice with few Prime 88-112# shorn No. 2 to fall shorn pelts $16.50-17.75, few shipments 92-105# No. 1-2 pelts $18.00. Limited volume Choice 95-116# with No. 3 pelts along with Good and Choice 82-105# No. 2 to fall shorn pelts $15.50-17.25.

Spring slaughter lambs: Choice and mostly Prime 83-112# $19.00-20.00, Choice 89-113# and some Good and Choice 64-97# sold from $18.00-19.50.

Slaughter ewes: Cull to Good wooled $4.00-7.50; shorn ewes $3.00-6.50.

Feeder lambs: Choice and Fancy 75-101# wooled $15.00-17.10, Good and Choice 60-85# $13.00-16.50. Few consignments Choice shearing lambs 75-101# $16.00-17.30.

Sheep and lamb receipts in the Interior Iowa-Southern Minnesota area numbered 11,000 head, 26 percent below a week earlier and 38 percent less than last year. Reduced marketing influenced advances of 50¢ on wooled slaughter lambs and 50-75¢ on shorn lambs. An increased volume of slaughter ewes sold weak to $1.00 lower. Shorn slaughter lambs represented fully 50 percent of the lamb supply and bulk of this class carried No. 2 and 3 pelts.

Slaughter lambs: Choice with few Prime 85-110# wooled delivered to packing plants sold at $17.50-18.00; Choice 110-120# along with Good and low-Choice 85-110# $17.00-17.75. Choice and end of Prime 80-110# shorn No. 2 to fall shorn pelts $17.00-18.00; Choice No. 2-3 pelts $16.50-17.25. Good to low-Choice 85-110# No. 1-3 pelts $16.00-17.25.

Slaughter ewes: Cull to Good wooled $3.00-5.00, shorn $2.50-4.50.

RANGE AND FEEDLOT SALES

Note: Shrink on most range and feedlot sales none to 5 percent, mostly 4 percent f.o.b. some with short haul and 3 percent shrink. All sales for immediate delivery unless specified.

ARIZONA, CALIFORNIA, NEVADA AND UTAH - Slaughter steers sold mostly steady, instances 50¢ lower on Standard and Good; limited sales slaughter heifers, steady. Feeder cattle and calves fairly active, mostly steady. Spring and old-crop slaughter lambs weak to $1.00 lower, mostly 50¢ off.

Slaughter steers: California and Arizona, for current to July delivery, 5,600 mostly Choice 900-1200# $26.75-27.50, 40 head $28.00 in California; 10,000 Good and Choice 925-1100# $25.75-26.50; 1,200 mostly Good, 850-1200# $24.75-25.50; 2,000 Standard to mostly Good 825-1200# $24.00-24.75. Utah: 320 Good to mostly Choice 1075-1200# $25.00-25.75.

Slaughter heifers: California, 100 Choice 980# $26.50. California and Arizona, 1,250 mostly Choice 750-950# $25.25-26.00; 350 Good and Choice 775-980# $25.00-25.25; Utah, 320 Good to mostly Choice 1075-1200# $25.00-25.75.

Feeder cattle and calves: Steers, 83 Choice 500# $27.00; 1,250 mostly Choice, end of Good 625-800# $24.75-25.75; 1,400 Good and Choice 450-575# $25.35-26.00; 3,850 Good and Choice 600-850# $23.75-24.50; 4,850 mostly Medium 525-675# $22.00-23.00. Heifers, 96 Choice, end of Good 450# $25.50; 340 Good and Choice 475-525# $24.50-25.00; 1,900 mostly Choice, 610-675# $22.25-24.00, bulk $22.75-23.00.

Spring slaughter lambs: California, sales confirmed on 31,000 head, bulk of which were Choice and Prime 95-104# slaughter lambs but some strings included 60-90# Choice and Fancy

feeders $17.75-18.50 delivered, bulk $18.00; Choice and Prime 105-115# slaughter $17.00-17.50. Arizona, 21,000 Choice and Prime 93-98# slaughter lambs $18.00.

COLORADO, SOUTHERN WYOMING, WESTERN KANSAS AND WESTERN NEBRASKA - Trading direct at feedlots on slaughter steers was fairly active but heifers were again rather slow. Volume of both classes, however, was greater than for the preceding two weeks. Slaughter steers sold steady to strong while heifers were steady to weak with some sales 25¢ lower. Slaughter steers 1150# and heavier continued to find broadest outlet. Supplies of Choice steers and heifers continued very moderate and this was a factor tending to hold volume down.

Slaughter steers: Sales confirmed on 5,500 head. Colorado, Average to high-Choice 1100-1250# $26.50-27.00, shipment 1150# at $27.00 carrying Prime end. Bulk Choice 1000-1300# $25.75-26.50; mixed high-Good and low-Choice 1000-1250# $25.00-25.75, few sales Good $23.00-24.50. Western Nebraska, several loads Choice 1100-1225# $25.50-26.00.

Slaughter heifers: Sales confirmed on 2,700 head. Colorado, small showing average to high-Choice 950-1025# $25.75-26.00 with those at $26.00 carrying end of Prime, bulk Choice 875-1025# $25.25-25.50, mixed high-Good and Choice $24.50-25.00.

Feeder cattle: Demand continued broad with sales and contracts confirmed on 1,625 head at steady prices. Choice 750-925# steers sold at $23.50-25.00, Choice and Fancy 475-680# steer calves and short-yearlings $25.00-29.00, Choice 650-775# heifers $23.00-24.50.

Sheep and lambs: Sales confirmed on 21,000 head. Slaughter lambs sold 25¢ higher. Choice and Prime wooled lambs 110# down $17.25-17.75, 110-117# $16.75-17.25. Choice shorn lambs 110# down, mostly No. 1 and 2 pelts, $16.00-16.75, some with No. 3 pelts $15.50.

NEW MEXICO, WEST TEXAS, WESTERN OKLAHOMA, SOUTHWESTERN KANSAS - Clovis Area - Trading on slaughter steers active, steady to 25¢ higher. Slaughter heifers moderately active, steady. Trading on stockers and feeders, except for contracting for fall delivery, practically at a standstill.

Slaughter cattle: Steers, bulk mostly Choice 1050-1325# $25.00-25.75, numerous sales $25.25-25.50; Good to low-Choice 900-1200# $23.75-25.10. Heifers, bulk high-Good to Choice 675-900# $23.75-24.50, 850-900# weights $24.00-24.50.

Feeder cattle and calves: For fall delivery, bulk Choice steers around 650-750# $22.00-24.00, comparable grade mixed steer and heifer yearlings at $21.00-23.50; small string Choice and Fancy 450# steer calves $28.00.

Sales confirmed on 17,300 slaughter and feeder lambs at steady prices.

Slaughter lambs: Five loads Choice and Prime 95-105# spring lambs $18.00-19.00; 2,500 Choice 106# wooled old-crop lambs $15.75, bulk Choice with No. 1-3 pelts $14.50-15.25, some with No. 1 pelts $15.50.

Feeder lambs: Ten loads Choice and Fancy spring lambs, mostly $15.00, few to $16.00. Eight loads Choice and Fancy shorn old-crop averaging 85# $12.00.

Amarillo area - Slaughter cattle fairly active, steers fully steady, instances 25¢ higher; heifers fully steady; feeders moderately active, fully steady to strong.

Slaughter cattle: Steers, Good to Choice 1050-1250# $23.50-25.50; heifers, Good and Choice 850-1000# $24.00 to mostly $25.50.

Feeder cattle and calves: For immediate to April delivery, 1,400 Choice and Fancy 550-750# steers $25.00-27.00; 1,200 Good and Choice 550-800# $23.00-24.25. 2,200 Choice and Fancy heifers 500-600# $23.50-25.25. June to August delivery, 450 Choice 600-650# heifers $22.50-23.00. For immediate to April delivery, 700 Choice 485-500# calves $26.00-29.00.

IDAHO, OREGON AND WASHINGTON - Slaughter cattle moderately active, mostly steady, feeders in good demand, prices steady to strong; old-crop slaughter lambs steady.

Slaughter steers: Good and Choice 1000-1125# $25.50-27.50 delivered for up to May.

Slaughter heifers: Good and Choice 800-970# $24.50-25.00.

Feeder cattle and calves: Oregon, Choice and Fancy 675-700# steers $26.50-26.75, some for May 1 delivery. Choice and Fancy near 650# heifers $24.75 May 1. Idaho, Good and Choice 725-800# steers $25.00-25.50. Washington, Good and Choice 615-900# steers $25.00-26.00. Good and Choice 585-705# heifers $23.75-24.00.

Slaughter lambs: Choice and Prime 97-105# with No. 1-3 pelts $16.25-16.75.

MONTANA AND NORTHERN WYOMING - Direct cattle trade slow. All classes steady.

Slaughter steers: Sales totaling 200 Good to mostly Choice 1125-1150# $24.75-25.00.

Feeder calves: Southwestern Montana - 100 Choice and Fancy 425# steers $32.00. Central Montana, sales totaling 550 Good and Choice 400-450# steers $26.00-28.00, heifers $24.00-26.00.

Sheep: Trading slow on diminishing supplies of slaughter lambs. Broad demand for shearing lambs. All classes fully steady.

Slaughter lambs: Eastern Montana, 1,000 Choice 100-110# $16.25-16.50.

Shearing lambs: Eastern Montana, 1,000 mostly Choice 105-110# mixed lambs $16.00-16.25. 300 Good to mostly Choice 103# ewe lambs $16.75 per cwt. Southern Montana, 500 Choice 90# ewe lambs $17.50 per cwt. 400 Choice and Fancy 90-100# ewe lambs $18.50 per head.

Wool: Moderately active. Prices firm. Western Montana, 700,000# fine and half-blood, light shrink 53.59-56.28¢ per grease pound.

WEEKLY RECEIPTS OF SALABLE LIVESTOCK AT 12 PUBLIC MARKETS

Market	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and lambs	
	Apr. 7 1962	Apr. 8 1961	Apr. 7 1962	Apr. 8 1961	Apr. 7 1962	Apr. 8 1961	Apr. 7 1962	Apr. 8 1961
Chicago	26,130	31,299	115	151	29,462	28,943	2,981	3,822
Denver	9,134	9,776	278	122	6,835	5,386	15,583	19,611
Fort Worth	4,166	6,172	609	801	1,894	1,711	20,987	17,663
Indianapolis ..	6,945	6,600	314	566	33,254	31,643	1,100	659
Kansas City ...	19,793	20,018	763	452	15,396	10,775	6,175	6,639
Oklahoma City .	9,725	7,446	590	644	3,415	4,171	3,108	1,858
Omaha	37,846	36,772	575	360	49,260	36,757	11,358	15,239
St. Joseph	15,765	14,864	289	247	19,305	11,821	10,094	8,283
St. Louis NSY .	14,017	12,094	1,085	1,236	53,846	43,685	2,911	2,280
Sioux City	25,273	26,630	946	826	48,142	28,374	5,909	4,310
Sioux Falls ...	8,603	8,311	60	57	17,911	14,227	4,248	4,134
So. St. Paul ..	18,735	18,537	5,072	5,385	44,516	46,011	6,255	7,911
Total	196,132	198,519	10,696	10,847	323,236	263,504	90,709	92,409
Mar.31,1962.	185,019		10,186		300,561		79,138	

		Apr. 7, 1962	Mar. 31, 1962	Apr. 8, 1961	
INTERIOR IOWA AND SOUTHERN MINNESOTA -	Hogs	328,000	340,000	286,000*	
	Sheep	11,000	14,800	17,600*	
INTERIOR ILLINOIS -	Hogs	113,200	115,400	84,100	*Revised.

FEEDER CATTLE: AVERAGE COST, WEIGHT, AND NUMBER

	Week ended			Month		Three months Jan-Mar.	
	Apr. 5 1962	Mar. 29 1962	Apr. 6 1961	Mar. 1962	Mar. 1961	1962	1961
Steers - 1001# up	422	391	713	2,119	2,801	5,584	10,207
901-1000	1,877	1,879	1,543	7,554	8,444	22,929	26,155
801-900	3,169	3,491	3,177	12,963	11,836	38,861	41,523
701-800	3,758	2,679	4,198	12,060	15,660	36,206	47,031
501-700	10,471	11,410	11,854	43,645	53,689	101,817	136,770
Total steers 10 markets....	19,697	19,850	21,485	78,341	92,430	205,397	261,686
Av. wt. " " "	715#	706#	700#	707#	697#	721#	715#
Av. cost* " " "	24.48	$24.20	$24.40	$24.05	$24.09	$23.71	$24.24
" " " Chicago	24.50	23.40	23.26	23.37	22.95	22.90	23.17
" " " Kansas City...	25.21	24.75	24.81	24.56	24.50	23.65	24.19
" " " Omaha	24.76	25.20	24.00	24.49	23.70	23.97	24.23
" " " S. St. Paul...	22.32	21.78	22.28	21.12	21.63	21.34	21.89
" " " Sioux City....	25.61	25.17	25.88	24.74	25.58	24.95	25.85
" " " Denver	24.43	22.63	23.23	23.52	24.77	24.02	25.18
" " " Ft. Worth	23.06	23.50	23.48	23.43	23.22	23.22	23.43
" " " Oklahoma City.	24.01	23.80	23.73	23.87	23.53	23.68	23.39
" " " S. St. Joseph.	23.14	24.43	24.60	24.47	24.38	23.81	23.87
" " " St. Louis NSY.	23.72	23.61	23.28	23.53	23.06	23.04	23.00
Total calves - 10 markets..	7,448	6,799	7,253	29,258	34,324	115,327	134,649
" heifers " "	3,854	3,576	2,824	12,644	13,179	33,614	37,540
" cows " "	505	703	504	2,168	2,280	7,594	9,248

* Not adjusted for differences in grade of cattle sold at each market.

ESTIMATED PERCENT OF FEEDER CATTLE AND SLAUGHTER COWS IN SALABLE RECEIPTS

Week ended	Chicago	Kansas City	Omaha	S. St. Joseph	St. Louis NSY	Sioux City	S.St. Paul	Indianapolis	Denver	Ft. Worth	Okla. City	Wichita	San Antonio
						Feeders							
Apr. 6, 1962	3	47	14	14	12	22	8	10	10	70	63	51	45
Mar.30, 1962	3	43	10	15	15	24	5	10	9	65	72	45	50
Apr. 7, 1961	5	45	11	12	10	35	10	15	5	45	59	52	50
						Slaughter cows							
Apr. 6, 1962	5	8	9	5	9	4	20	12	20	10	5	9	15
Mar.30, 1962	6	9	8	5	9	4	25	12	17	10	10	8	5
Apr. 7, 1961	2	7	9	5	8	5	20	12	9	15	10	12	15

STEERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS FOR SLAUGHTER 1/

Grade	Number of head		Percent of total by grades		Average weight (pounds)		Average price in dollars per 100 lb.	
	Week ended							
	Apr. 5 1962	Apr. 6 1961	Apr. 5 1962	Apr. 6 1961	Apr. 5 1962	Apr. 6 1961	Apr. 5 1962	Apr. 6 1961
				CHICAGO				
Prime.....	1,352	2,497	6.9	10.5	1,246	1,254	31.17	27.57
Choice.....	11,002	13,467	56.4	56.6	1,183	1,206	27.86	25.73
Good.....	6,300	6,494	32.3	27.3	1,064	1,124	25.66	24.05
Standard.....	618	997	3.2	4.2	1,040	1,028	21.99	21.39
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	221	328	1.2	1.4	969	1,013	20.01	19.35
All grades.....	19,493	23,783			1,142	1,178	27.21	25.26
				OMAHA				
Prime.....	72	51	.4	.3	1,081	1,127	27.75	26.78
Choice.....	6,919	7,531	39.9	42.8	1,151	1,190	26.36	24.77
Good.....	9,245	8,641	53.4	49.1	1,079	1,122	24.78	23.48
Standard.....	939	1,048	5.4	6.0	1,125	1,107	21.03	20.17
Utility.....	159	312	.9	1.8	996	980	19.23	18.94
All grades.....	17,334	17,583			1,109	1,148	25.19	23.80
				SIOUX CITY				
Prime.....	91	21	.8	.2	1,278	1,334	28.58	26.50
Choice.....	4,821	4,385	41.6	41.6	1,159	1,203	26.40	24.90
Good.....	6,122	5,207	52.8	49.4	1,099	1,154	24.75	23.86
Standard.....	444	935	3.8	8.8	1,096	1,125	20.44	20.26
Utility.....	111	--	1.0	--	1,060	--	18.98	--
All grades.....	11,589	10,548			1,125	1,172	25.28	24.00
				KANSAS CITY				
Prime.....	36	2	.5	--	1,076	950	26.92	26.00
Choice.....	2,747	2,989	41.1	42.7	1,136	1,160	25.79	24.77
Good.....	3,265	3,395	48.9	48.5	1,045	1,086	24.44	23.70
Standard.....	548	615	8.2	8.8	1,077	1,036	21.13	20.44
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	85	--	1.3	--	1,028	--	19.48	--
All grades.....	6,681	7,001			1,085	1,113	24.70	23.91
				ST. LOUIS NSY				
Prime.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice.....	1,526	676	28.0	12.1	1,070	1,081	25.99	25.21
Good.....	3,184	4,032	58.4	72.4	1,026	1,049	24.36	23.44
Standard.....	406	767	7.5	13.8	999	965	22.00	21.00
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	333	93	6.1	1.7	952	841	19.42	18.57
All grades.....	5,449	5,568			1,032	1,038	24.38	23.29
				S. ST. JOSEPH				
Prime.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice.....	3,023	2,623	36.4	32.2	1,148	1,153	26.08	24.93
Good.....	4,584	4,917	55.2	60.5	1,065	1,106	24.53	23.52
Standard.....	692	592	8.4	7.3	1,115	1,081	21.33	20.60
Utility.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
All grades.....	8,299	8,132			1,099	1,119	24.85	23.78
				DENVER				
Prime.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice.....	2,374	2,804	64.5	75.4	1,173	1,189	26.08	24.78
Good.....	1,247	704	33.9	18.9	1,102	1,136	24.92	23.70
Standard.....	57	201	1.6	5.4	1,061	1,102	20.11	19.25
Utility.....	--	9	--	.3	--	748	--	17.88
All grades.....	3,678	3,718			1,147	1,173	25.62	24.29

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STEERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS FOR SLAUGHTER 1/

Grade	Number of head		Percent of total by grades		Average weight (pounds)		Average price in dollars per 100 lb.	
	Month							
	Mar. 1962	Mar. 1961	Mar. 1962	Mar. 1961	Mar. 1962	Mar. 1961	Mar. 1962	Mar. 1961
				CHICAGO				
Prime.....	5,974	16,976	6.9	14.0	1,241	1,264	30.12	27.37
Choice.....	51,459	69,030	59.7	57.1	1,173	1,195	27.31	25.70
Good.....	25,201	29,661	29.2	24.5	1,071	1,111	24.98	23.84
Standard.....	2,059	3,730	2.4	3.1	1,007	1,024	21.98	21.26
Commercial.....	12	9	.1	.0	1,333	1,568	21.62	20.00
Utility.....	1,498	1,598	1.7	1.3	1,059	1,051	20.02	19.35
All grades.....	86,203	121,004			1,142	1,177	26.65	25.33
				OMAHA				
Prime.....	314	647	.5	.9	1,122	1,232	27.41	26.50
Choice.....	28,436	32,247	40.5	45.4	1,150	1,191	25.89	24.73
Good.....	37,434	33,968	53.3	47.9	1,083	1,117	24.24	23.53
Standard.....	3,587	3,769	5.1	5.3	1,096	1,101	20.53	19.82
Utility.....	441	344	.6	.5	1,001	974	19.01	18.27
All grades.....	70,212	70,975			1,111	1,150	24.73	23.91
				SIOUX CITY				
Prime.....	649	418	1.5	.9	1,262	1,204	27.94	26.55
Choice.....	22,881	25,010	52.2	53.4	1,150	1,190	25.80	24.88
Good.....	18,054	18,211	41.2	38.8	1,071	1,138	23.91	23.50
Standard.....	1,487	3,237	3.4	6.9	1,097	1,096	20.27	20.00
Utility.....	772	--	1.7	--	1,056	--	19.15	--
All grades.....	43,843	46,876			1,115	1,163	24.80	24.06
				KANSAS CITY				
Prime.....	69	32	.3	.1	1,109	1,231	27.24	25.94
Choice.....	8,037	8,731	33.5	31.7	1,128	1,157	25.53	24.87
Good.....	13,748	15,993	57.2	58.0	1,061	1,094	24.23	23.62
Standard.....	1,478	2,625	6.2	9.5	1,029	1,063	21.29	20.36
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	681	184	2.8	.7	1,033	988	19.36	18.36
All grades.....	24,013	27,565			1,081	1,111	24.39	23.71
				ST. LOUIS NSY				
Prime.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice.....	5,202	3,476	19.8	12.6	1,099	1,077	25.88	25.18
Good.....	16,437	17,534	62.5	63.4	1,019	1,046	24.24	23.81
Standard.....	3,708	5,662	14.1	20.5	965	971	21.87	21.15
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	963	984	3.6	3.5	960	887	19.01	18.29
All grades.....	26,310	27,656			1,025	1,029	24.10	23.31
				S. ST. JOSEPH				
Prime.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice.....	11,516	10,838	33.8	31.4	1,145	1,152	25.82	24.88
Good.....	20,453	21,693	60.1	62.9	1,068	1,120	24.26	23.46
Standard.....	2,061	1,951	6.1	5.7	1,082	1,097	20.81	20.04
Utility.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
All grades.....	34,030	34,482			1,095	1,129	24.61	23.72
				DENVER				
Prime.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice.....	6,162	9,104	61.0	68.0	1,171	1,179	25.91	24.77
Good.....	3,733	3,907	37.0	29.2	1,098	1,141	24.59	23.65
Standard.....	202	251	2.0	1.9	1,063	1,150	19.80	19.69
Utility.....	--	118	--	.9	--	948	--	18.35
All grades.....	10,097	13,380			1,142	1,166	25.33	24.31

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STEERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS FOR SLAUGHTER AT SEVEN MARKETS COMBINED 1/

Grade	Number of head		Percent of total by grades		Average weight (pounds)		Average price in dollars per 100 lb.	
	Month							
	Mar. 1962	Mar. 1961	Mar. 1962	Mar. 1961	Mar. 1962	Mar. 1961	Mar. 1962	Mar. 1961
Prime	7,006	18,073	2.4	5.3	1,236	1,262	29.77	27.31
Choice	133,693	158,436	45.4	46.3	1,156	1,185	26.40	25.21
Good	135,060	140,967	45.8	41.2	1,068	1,108	24.35	23.63
Standard	14,582	21,225	4.9	6.2	1,041	1,048	21.12	20.51
Commercial ...	12	9	--	.0	1,333	1,568	21.62	20.00
Utility	4,355	3,228	1.5	1.0	1,027	986	19.45	18.86
All grades ...	294,708	341,938			1,110	1,147	25.25	24.38

HEIFERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS FOR SLAUGHTER AT SEVEN MARKETS COMBINED 1/

Grade	Number of head		Percent of total by grades		Average weight (pounds)		Average price in dollars per 100 lb.	
	Month							
	Mar. 1962	Mar. 1961	Mar. 1962	Mar. 1961	Mar. 1962	Mar. 1961	Mar. 1962	Mar. 1961
Prime	686	1,005	.7	.8	1,009	1,036	27.44	25.79
Choice	37,369	54,116	38.7	44.7	961	974	25.59	24.34
Good	49,905	55,774	51.7	46.1	896	916	23.65	22.72
Standard	7,502	9,198	7.8	7.6	866	889	20.67	20.02
Utility	1,107	1,018	1.1	.8	928	940	18.16	17.62
All grades	96,569	121,111	--		920	941	24.18	23.26

SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS FOR SLAUGHTER AT FIVE SPECIFIED MARKETS 1/

Market	Number of head		Average weight (pounds)		Average price in dollars per 100 lb.	
	Month					
	Mar. 1962	Mar. 1961	Mar. 1962	Mar. 1961	Mar. 1962	Mar. 1961
STEERS						
Cincinnati	4,224	3,534	1,064	1,052	24.51	23.61
Indianapolis	14,919	12,869	1,059	1,048	24.60	23.50
Fort Worth	2,775	2,426	973	1,007	23.66	23.41
Oklahoma City	3,404	2,744	1,080	1,102	24.45	23.54
Sioux Falls	12,466	8,554	1,117	1,159	24.14	23.47
HEIFERS						
Cincinnati	2,362	2,372	765	758	23.28	22.55
Indianapolis	2,452	3,127	869	850	24.10	23.05
Fort Worth	1,712	1,955	651	651	23.35	23.01
Oklahoma City	1,161	1,955	836	881	23.43	23.48
Sioux Falls	6,827	6,688	950	973	23.10	22.47

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WEEKLY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION AT MAJOR CENTERS

City or Area	Cattle Apr. 7 1962	Cattle Apr. 8 1961	Calves Apr. 7 1962	Calves Apr. 8 1961	Hogs Apr. 7 1962	Hogs Apr. 8 1961	Sheep and lambs Apr. 7 1962	Sheep and lambs Apr. 8 1961
Boston, New York City Area	11,943	9,167	8,950	9,639	43,661	37,617	32,051	33,446
Baltimore, Philadelphia	8,689	7,181	1,715	2,279	34,856	26,205	4,735	3,569
Cin., Cleve., Detroit, Indpls .	19,605	17,462	4,058	3,348	141,734	118,889	11,229	11,510
Chicago Area	15,114	15,014	6,396	4,819	52,679	41,494	9,081	6,633
St. Paul- Wisc. Areas	24,978	25,558	17,133	18,347	118,251	91,602	11,127	19,269
St. Louis Area	10,883	10,029	956	1,201	88,954	64,596	3,984	4,156
Sioux City-So. Dakota Area	26,204	22,450	--	--	109,006	84,044	9,681	13,569
Omaha Area	34,832	37,847	181	111	93,894	71,598	12,989	15,963
Kansas City	14,535	15,809	--	--	36,834	32,058	--	--
Iowa - So. Minnesota	30,895	28,890	9,247	8,828	283,672	246,012	28,886	36,248
Lou'l, Evan'l.Nash'l. Mph's ...	6,266	5,337	1,753	2,993	61,172	57,543	--	--
Georgia, Florida, Ala. Area ...	9,861	9,620	2,620	3,330	30,023	38,146	--	--
St. Jo'ph. Wichita, Okla. City.	20,194	19,737	691	890	49,086	37,887	11,558	12,046
Ft. Worth, Dallas, San Antonio.	10,209	10,468	3,215	3,656	18,205	15,049	36,875	41,362
Denver, Ogden, Salt Lake City .	27,843	24,182	97	188	17,912	14,100	50,751	38,376
Los Angeles, San Fran. Areas ..	23,820	25,803	2,460	1,809	37,277	24,681	40,062	38,336
Portland, Seattle, Spokane	8,494	7,886	228	191	16,931	13,411	4,436	4,976
Total	304,415	292,440	59,700	61,629	1,234,147	1,014,932	267,445	279,479
Accumulation to date	4,357,535	4,124,552	880,663	904,839	16,457,084	15,674,010	3,770,124	3,632,652

ESTIMATED FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER AND MEAT PRODUCTION

Week ended	Beef Number	Beef Prod.	Veal Number	Veal Prod.	Pork (excl. lard) Number	Pork (excl. lard) Prod.	Lamb and mutton Number	Lamb and mutton Prod.	Total meat prod.	Total lard prod.
	1,000	mil.lb.	1,000	mil.lb.	1,000	mil.lb.	1,000	mil.lb.	mil.lb.	mil.lb.
Apr. 7, 1962	370	222.0	95	10.8	1,425	199.2	285	14.2	446.2	--
Mar.31, 1962	360	214.9	95	10.6	1,380	191.3	265	13.2	430.0	--
Mar.17, 1962 1/.....	367	--	109	--	1,411	--	283	--	--	42.7
Apr. 8, 1961 1/.....	347	211.1	93	10.5	1,178	162.0	306	15.6	399.2	38.8
Percentage change from:										
Mar.31, 1962	3	3	0	2	3	4	8	8	4	--
Apr. 8, 1961	7	5	2	3	21	23	-7	-9	12	--

Week ended	Average weight (lb.) Cattle Live	Cattle Dressed	Calves Live	Calves Dressed	Hogs Live	Hogs Dressed 2/	Sheep and lambs Live	Sheep and lambs Dressed	Lard yield per 100 lb.
Apr. 7, 1962	1035	600	205	114	239	140	102	50	--
Mar.31, 1962	1030	597	200	112	237	139	102	50	--
Mar.17, 1962	1025	589	195	109	233	136	102	50	--
Apr. 8, 1961	1053	608	204	113	237	138	105	51	13.9

1/ Actual slaughter. 2/ Excludes lard.

CATTLE: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS
In dollars per 100 pounds

Classification		Chicago		Kansas City		Omaha		Denver		North Portland	
		Apr. 7 1962	Apr. 8 1961	Apr. 7 1962	Apr. 8 1961	Apr. 7 1962	Apr. 8 1961	Apr. 7 1962	Apr. 8 1961	Apr. 7 1962	Apr. 8 1961
Slaughter cattle, calves and vealers											
Steers -											
Prime	900-1100#	29.38	27.38	--	--	28.28	26.88	--	--	--	--
	1100-1300	31.05	27.62	--	--	28.65	26.75	--	--	--	--
Choice	900-1100	28.00	25.98	26.42	25.38	26.92	25.48	26.25	24.80	27.25	24.62
	1100-1300	28.58	25.85	26.22	25.25	27.02	25.38	26.25	24.80	--	23.75
Good	900-1100	25.25	23.75	24.15	23.62	24.20	23.30	23.62	22.45	25.50	23.25
Standard		22.12	21.38	21.10	20.50	21.32	20.38	--	19.75	22.75	20.50
Heifers -											
Choice	700-900#	26.32	25.18	25.75	24.70	26.42	25.12	24.55	23.80	25.50	23.75
Good	600-800	--	--	23.70	22.70	23.32	22.90	--	21.60	24.80	22.12
Standard		20.75	20.25	20.00	19.75	20.20	19.98	--	19.00	21.50	19.25
Cows -											
Commercial		16.38	17.45	16.12	17.50	16.00	17.00	--	--	--	--
Utility		15.55	16.82	15.55	16.98	15.25	16.50	15.88	16.60	15.90	15.25
Cutter		14.82	16.42	14.02	16.32	14.12	15.62	14.75	15.25	13.75	14.25
Canner		13.35	14.95	12.75	15.30	13.12	14.62	13.62	14.18	11.50	12.75
Bulls - Yrlgs. excl.											
Commercial		20.00	19.50	18.00	18.12	18.25	18.75	--	--	--	--
Utility		19.75	20.25	18.38	18.62	18.50	18.75	18.88	19.00	21.00	20.00
Calves - 250-500#											
Choice		--	--	25.00	23.50	--	--	--	--	--	--
Good		--	--	23.25	22.00	--	--	--	--	--	26.00
Standard		--	--	20.00	19.00	--	--	--	--	--	22.00
Vealers - 150-250#											
Choice		--	30.50	30.00	29.00	27.00	27.50	--	--	33.00	31.50
Good		--	27.00	27.00	25.25	24.75	24.75	--	--	30.00	29.50
Standard		--	22.00	22.00	20.75	21.75	21.50	--	--	26.00	25.50
Feeder cattle and calves											
Steers - 500-800#											
Fancy		--	--	28.00	--	--	--	27.25	--	--	--
Choice		--	26.75	26.62	27.00	27.12	26.38	26.00	26.75	--	--
Good		--	24.50	24.75	24.48	24.50	24.38	23.00	24.38	24.00	24.25
Heifers - 500-750#											
Choice		--	--	24.15	24.00	24.88	24.25	24.75	24.75	--	--
Good		--	--	22.25	20.75*	22.75	20.75*	21.75	21.75*	--	--
Calves -											
Steer -											
Fancy 300-550#		--	--	31.00	--	31.40	--	32.75	--	--	--
Choice " "		--									
Good 300-500#		--	--	29.50) 25.75)	28.45	29.10) 25.00)	29.00	29.50) 27.00)	30.25	-- 27.00)	--
Heifer - 300-500#											
Fancy		--	--	27.75	--	28.25	--	31.50	--	--	--
Choice		--	--	25.00)	25.70	26.00)	26.00	28.75)	28.25	--	--
Good		--		23.25)		23.45)		26.00)		--	

*Medium and Good.

CATTLE: MONTHLY AVERAGE PRICES
In dollars per 100 pounds

Classification		Chicago		Kansas City		Omaha		Denver		North Portland	
		Mar. 1962	Mar. 1961	Mar. 1962	Mar. 1961	Mar. 1962	Mar. 1961	Mar. 1962	Mar. 1961	Mar. 1962	Mar. 1961
Slaughter cattle, calves and vealers											
Steers -											
Prime	900-1100#	28.88	27.42	--	--	27.78	26.82	--	--	--	--
	1100-1300	29.97	27.41	--	--	27.96	26.74	--	--	--	--
Choice	900-1100	27.34	25.92	26.00	25.46	26.36	25.52	26.10	24.78	26.97	24.90
	1100-1300	27.69	25.71	25.77	25.14	26.50	25.38	26.10	24.78	--	24.35
Good	900-1100	24.46	23.57	23.97	23.60	23.72	23.34	23.48	22.49	25.10	23.35
Standard		21.78	21.21	21.06	20.43	20.80	20.18	--	19.83	22.56	20.65
Heifers -											
Choice	700-900#	26.24	24.87	25.62	24.63	25.86	24.81	25.15	24.01	25.08	23.75
Good	600-800	--	--	23.66	22.67	23.08	22.53	--	21.93	23.75	21.92
Standard		20.67	20.11	20.40	19.75	20.16	19.68	--	19.22	21.08	19.10
Cows -											
Commercial		16.52	16.83	16.70	16.88	16.99	16.81	--	--	--	--
Utility		15.97	16.48	16.17	16.40	16.04	16.10	16.20	16.33	16.05	15.34
Cutter		15.33	15.85	14.80	15.74	14.89	15.32	14.80	14.86	14.06	14.05
Canner		13.88	14.37	13.36	14.87	13.68	14.55	13.71	13.65	12.16	12.64
Bulls - Yrlgs. excl.											
Commercial		20.10	19.30	18.64	17.77	18.58	18.09	--	--	--	--
Utility		19.90	19.53	19.17	18.14	18.83	18.10	19.03	18.70	20.64	19.78
Calves - 250-500#											
Choice		--	--	25.59	23.30	--	--	--	--	--	--
Good		--	--	23.80	21.77	--	--	--	--	--	25.28
Standard		--	--	20.46	18.96	--	--	--	--	--	21.88
Vealers - 150-250#											
Choice		--	29.90	30.10	28.88	27.70	26.85	--	--	33.38	31.50
Good		--	26.70	26.60	25.15	24.84	23.95	--	--	30.38	29.48
Standard		--	22.00	21.80	20.69	21.68	20.65	--	--	26.25	25.45
Feeder cattle and calves											
Steers - 500-800#											
Fancy		--	--	27.61	--	--	--	27.25	--	--	--
Choice		--	26.73	26.52	26.51	26.75	26.33	26.00	26.28	25.75	24.62
Good		--	24.39	24.52	24.11	24.25	24.21	23.00	24.11	23.88	23.80
Heifers - 500-750#											
Choice		--	--	24.19	23.47	24.50	24.25	24.75	24.39	--	--
Good		--	--	21.94	20.42*	22.75	20.75*	21.75	21.57*	19.88	19.75*
Calves -											
Steer -											
Fancy 300-550#		--	--	30.75	--	31.19	--	32.75	--	--	--
Choice " "		--	--	28.80)	28.11	28.69)	28.95	29.50)	29.79	27.44)	25.56
Good 300-500#		--		25.47)		24.75)		27.00)		26.12)	
Heifer - 300-500#											
Fancy		--	--	27.24	--	28.63	--	31.50	--	--	--
Choice		--	--	24.65)	25.18	26.00)	25.60	28.75)	27.95	25.75)	23.44
Good		--		23.06)		23.25)		26.00)		24.00)	

*Medium and Good.

HOGS: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS
In dollars per 100 pounds

Classification	Chicago		Interior Iowa and So. Minnesota		St. Louis National Stock Yards		Omaha		Indianapolis		St. Joseph		Kansas City		Peoria	
	Apr. 7 1962	Apr. 8 1961	Apr. 7 1962	Apr. 8 1961	Apr. 7 1962	Apr. 8 1961	Apr. 7 1962	Apr. 8 1961	Apr. 7 1962	Apr. 8 1961	Apr. 7 1962	Apr. 8 1961	Apr. 7 1962	Apr. 8 1961	Apr. 7 1962	Apr. 8 1961
Barrows and gilts -																
U. S. No. 1 & 2																
180-200#	16.68	18.05	--	--	16.42	18.04	15.68	17.28	16.64	18.12	16.27	17.68	16.18	17.50	16.40	17.72
200-220	16.74	18.14	15.75	17.27	16.42	18.07	16.50	17.82	16.64	18.20	16.47	17.92	16.35	17.78	16.50	17.78
220-240	16.54	17.84	15.68	17.25	16.34	18.04	16.46	17.84	16.46	18.04	16.42	17.88	16.27	17.76	16.20	17.65
U. S. No. 2 & 3																
200-220	16.20	17.79	15.51	16.94	16.14	17.81	15.92	17.34	16.10	17.72	15.90	17.38	15.98	17.59	--	17.62
220-240	16.01	17.68	15.40	16.94	16.04	17.76	15.92	17.34	15.99	17.62	15.82	17.32	15.89	17.56	--	17.48
240-270	15.62	17.42	15.00	16.57	15.69	17.56	15.65	17.18	15.67	17.34	15.66	17.12	15.78	17.50	15.38	17.28
U. S. No. 1, 2 & 3																
200-220	16.42	17.91	15.57	17.02	16.24	17.91	16.12	17.48	16.32	17.90	16.09	17.52	16.12	17.72	16.62	17.68
220-240	16.22	17.79	15.50	17.02	16.17	17.84	16.12	17.48	16.30	17.82	16.00	17.44	16.12	17.70	15.88	17.55
240-270	15.88	17.58	15.14	16.62	15.86	17.66	15.72	17.30	15.88	17.52	15.87	17.24	15.90	17.61	15.48	17.32
Sows - U.S.1,2 & 3																
270-330	--	--	14.32	15.89	14.45	16.88	14.42	16.75	14.52	16.72	14.49	16.50	14.65	16.75	14.40	16.12
330-400	14.22	16.28	13.78	15.51	14.10	16.60	13.98	16.50	13.95	16.40	14.10	16.32	14.18	16.60	13.92	15.70
U.S.2-3 400-550	13.30	15.62	12.78	14.79	13.58	15.95	13.45	16.08	13.48	15.92	13.50	15.91	13.65	16.22	13.30	15.28

Classification	South St. Paul		Sioux City		Sioux Falls		Cincinnati		Fort Worth		Thomasville		Baltimore		North Portland	
Barrows and gilts -																
U. S. No. 1 & 2																
180-200#	16.35	17.78	16.24	17.50	--	--	16.55	17.80	16.19	--	16.10	17.50	17.62	18.94	17.88	19.31
200-220	16.50	17.78	16.33	17.76	16.10	17.67	16.60	17.93	16.21	17.56	16.10	17.50	17.75	18.94	17.91	19.53
220-240	16.50	17.78	16.32	17.73	16.07	17.67	16.37	17.74	--	17.56	16.10	17.50	--	--	17.75	19.25
U. S. No. 2 & 3																
200-220	16.00	17.48	15.90	17.46	15.75	17.42	16.46	17.72	--	--	15.58	16.88	--	--	17.50	18.69
220-240	15.98	17.48	15.82	17.44	15.75	17.42	16.24	17.64	15.38	--	15.58	16.88	17.00	--	17.18	18.56
240-270	15.52	17.15	15.64	17.21	15.42	17.11	15.74	17.38	15.29	17.19	15.05	16.10	--	--	16.75	18.00
U. S. No. 1, 2 & 3																
200-220	16.08	17.48	16.12	17.56	15.95	17.52	16.48	17.76	16.00	17.31	15.70	17.00	17.38	18.79	--	--
220-240	16.02	17.48	16.10	17.49	15.95	17.52	16.30	17.64	15.97	17.31	15.70	17.00	--	18.46	--	--
240-270	15.62	17.35	15.71	17.31	15.50	17.15	--	17.38	15.44	17.00	--	--	--	--	--	--
Sows - U.S.1, 2 & 3																
270-330	14.42	16.42	14.48	16.65	--	--	--	16.40	14.31	15.75	12.62	13.10	--	16.25	16.25	17.12
330-400	13.92	16.15	14.00	16.45	14.05	16.32	13.95	16.00	14.44	15.50	12.12	12.52	--	15.50	15.75	16.50
U.S.2-3 400-550	13.30	15.80	13.28	15.92	13.05	15.78	13.22	15.42	14.44	14.75	11.62	12.02	--	14.62	14.00	15.00

HOGS: AVERAGE COST, WEIGHT, AND NUMBER OF PACKER AND SHIPPER PURCHASES 1/

	Week ended	Chicago	St. Louis Nat'l. Stock Yards	Kansas City	Omaha	Sioux City	S. St. Joseph	S. St. Paul	Indian-apolis	Eight mkts. com-bined
AVERAGE COST -				Dollars per 100 pounds						
Barrows and gilts	Apr. 7, 1962	15.98	15.91	15.92	15.80	15.61	15.92	15.70	16.13	15.84
	Mar.31, 1962	16.11	16.21	16.19	16.14	16.12	16.26	15.75	16.24	16.11
	Apr. 8, 1961	17.59	17.73	17.56	17.36	17.28	17.33	17.30	17.68	17.49
Sows	Apr. 7, 1962	13.48	13.62	13.96	13.55	13.36	13.76	13.60	13.45	13.54
	Mar.31, 1962	13.95	14.26	14.56	14.31	14.45	14.32	13.84	14.13	14.18
	Apr. 8, 1961	15.60	16.20	16.33	16.25	16.00	16.01	15.81	15.82	16.00
AVERAGE WEIGHT -				Pounds						
Barrows and gilts	Apr. 7, 1962	234	225	234	238	242	232	233	228	234
	Mar.31, 1962	231	224	232	234	236	231	233	228	231
	Apr. 8, 1961	236	224	237	240	245	234	237	230	234
Sows	Apr. 7, 1962	448	433	412	425	426	406	411	454	429
	Mar.31, 1962	449	423	418	431	419	412	417	446	428
	Apr. 8, 1961	457	405	425	421	423	414	411	457	425
NUMBER OF HEAD -										
Barrows and gilts	Apr. 7, 1962	24157	46675	13901	42602	42606	16888	34982	28260	250071
	Mar.31, 1962	27229	47913	15718	39114	16070	22019	37062	25699	230824
	Apr. 8, 1961	23236	40109	9861	30387	24632	10341	36441	27510	202517
Sows	Apr. 7, 1962	2317	3214	926	4505	3587	1412	3573	3097	22631
	Mar.31, 1962	2310	3054	1223	3897	1352	1799	3530	2875	20040
	Apr. 8, 1961	1946	3102	553	4240	2494	681	2964	2270	18250
SOWS -				Percentage of total						
	Apr. 7, 1962	9	6	6	10	8	8	9	10	8
	Mar.31, 1962	8	6	7	9	8	8	9	10	8
	Apr. 8, 1961	8	7	5	12	9	6	8	8	8

1/ Weighted average.

AVERAGE WHOLESALE VALUE OF HOG PRODUCTS DERIVED FROM 100 LB. LIVE HOG, COMPARED WITH PRICES OF LIVE HOGS, CHICAGO

Week ended	Hog products 1/	Hog prices 2/	Gross spread or margin 3/
Apr. 7, 1962	$18.01	$16.42	$1.59
Mar.31, 1962	18.06	16.58	1.48
Apr. 8, 1961	19.45	17.91	1.54

1/ Value of all edible products, fresh basis (lard rendered) in 100 lb. of live hog computed from wholesale prices on carlot basis, Chicago, reported by National Provisioner daily market report.
2/ Mean of daily quotations on U. S. No. 1,2 and 3 hogs, 200-220# wt. Chicago.
3/ Difference between wholesale product value and hog prices.

HOG AND CORN PRICES AT CHICAGO AND HOG-CORN PRICE RATIO

Week ended	Barrows and gilts 1/ Dollars per 100 pounds	Corn 2/ No.3 yellow Cents per bushel	Hog-corn price ratio based on barrows and gilts
Apr. 7, 1962	15.98	113.9	14.0
Mar.31, 1962	16.11	112.7	14.3
Apr. 8, 1961	17.59	104.3	16.9

1/ Weighted average. 2/ Simple average.

HOGS: AVERAGE COST, WEIGHT, AND NUMBER OF PACKER AND SHIPPER PURCHASES 1/

Month		Chicago	St. Louis Nat'l. Stock Yards	Kansas City	Omaha	Sioux City	S. St. Joseph	S. St. Paul	Indian-apolis	Eight mkts. com-bined
AVERAGE COST -				Dollars per 100 pounds						
Barrows and gilts	Mar. 1962	16.28	16.42	16.48	16.35	16.17	16.54	16.04	16.45	16.31
	Feb. 1962	16.69	16.65	16.75	16.78	16.65	16.97	16.49	16.77	16.69
	Mar. 1961	17.54	17.54	17.57	17.54	17.43	17.53	17.49	17.66	17.53
Sows	Mar. 1962	14.08	14.52	14.96	14.65	14.45	14.74	14.26	14.45	14.47
	Feb. 1962	13.84	14.21	14.74	14.58	14.66	14.76	14.46	14.30	14.40
	Mar. 1961	15.66	16.15	16.29	16.13	15.83	16.19	15.84	15.88	15.95
AVERAGE WEIGHT -				Pounds						
Barrows and gilts	Mar. 1962	233	222	231	235	239	230	232	226	231
	Feb. 1962	234	222	230	236	242	228	232	227	231
	Mar. 1961	234	220	233	238	242	232	233	226	231
Sows	Mar. 1962	452	423	413	432	435	408	415	446	429
	Feb. 1962	456	432	424	441	445	410	426	450	438
	Mar. 1961	450	401	426	430	439	417	424	449	428
NUMBER OF HEAD -										
Barrows and gilts	Mar. 1962	112328	201389	58785	166659	121693	76519	173406	120758	1031537
	Feb. 1962	100425	182191	53496	150263	136387	69653	167716	118237	978368
	Mar. 1961	109287	210841	66079	145328	135160	88400	164145	127652	1046892
Sows	Mar. 1962	9626	12590	4213	16510	9391	6098	15172	11300	84900
	Feb. 1962	9629	10270	3835	13754	8557	5243	12330	10813	74431
	Mar. 1961	9902	17562	3761	16393	10750	5749	11146	10844	86107
SOWS -				Percentage of total						
	Mar. 1962	8	6	7	9	7	7	8	9	8
	Feb. 1962	9	5	7	8	6	7	7	8	7
	Mar. 1961	8	8	5	10	7	6	6	8	8

1/ Weighted average.

AVERAGE WHOLESALE VALUE OF HOG PRODUCTS DERIVED FROM 100 LB. LIVE HOG, COMPARED WITH PRICES OF LIVE HOGS, CHICAGO

Month	Hog products 1/	Hog prices 2/	Gross spread or margin 3/
Mar. 1962	$18.27	$16.69	$1.58
Feb. 1962	18.47	17.04	1.43
Mar. 1961	19.76	17.91	1.85

1/ Value of all edible products, fresh basis (lard rendered) in 100 lb. of live hog computed from wholesale prices on carlot basis, Chicago, reported by National Provisioner daily market report.
2/ Mean of daily quotations on U. S. No. 1,2 and 3 hogs, 200-220# wt. Chicago.
3/ Difference between wholesale product value and hog prices.

HOG AND CORN PRICES AT CHICAGO AND HOG-CORN PRICE RATIO

Month	Barrows and gilts 1/ Dollars per 100 pounds	Corn 1/ No.3 yellow Cents per bushel	Hog-corn price ratio based on barrows and gilts
Mar. 1962	16.28	110.8	14.7
Feb. 1962	16.69	107.4	15.5
Mar. 1961	17.54	110.6	15.9

1/ Weighted average.

There were occasional sales of greasy domestic worsted wools in the Boston market at steady to firm prices. Demand was good for combing wools of fine and medium grades with only limited interest in half-blood wools. Small lots of woolen wools sold while trade in noils was practically at a standstill and prices were about steady.

There were range sales in all sections of the territory States and buyers were active in Texas. A modest weight of medium wools was moved in the fleece wool States.

According to midweek cables there was a poor selection of mostly "B" and "C" fault wools in Australia with Japan and the Continent active. The cross-bred market in Geelong was active. At Wellington, New Zealand, Eastern Europe was dominating in 50s and finer wools. The Cape markets were firm as France and the United States dominated, with general competition from other sections. Activity in South America was very dull with occasional sales of carpet type wools out of Buenos Aires, while the Montevideo market held firm.

Fleece Wools - Graded 64s staple and good French combing fleece wool sold recently around $1.20 clean basis. Medium grade fleeces moved at an estimated clean cost of $1.05-1.07. Country buyers were paying from 50¢-53¢ grease basis to the growers.

Territory Wools - Graded 64s good French combing and staple wool sold around $1.22-1.23 clean basis. Range sales follow: The Star Valley Pool of bulk medium grade wools sold in Idaho at 61.09¢ grease basis while a large Utah reputation clip of bulk half, with some three-eighths, amounting to about 250,000 pounds sold under sealed bid at 50.96¢ f.o.b. Several other clips amounting to about 150,000 pounds bulk half, some three-eighths, brought 50¢-50½¢ grease basis, f.o.b. Choice 12 months Roswell wools sold around $1.30 with most other New Mexico wools moving in a range of $1.20-1.30 but mostly around $1.25 clean basis delivered. In Montana, around Miles City, fine and half-blood original bag wools brought about 45¢ while a light shrinking mixed clip sold at 50.27¢ grease basis, while in the Sydney area fine and half-blood wools brought 43¢-48¢. Around the Great Falls area, fine and half-blood wools sold from 45¢-49.27¢. In the Grass Range area moderately shrinking fine and half-blood sold at 46¢; around Harlowton, fine and half-blood moved at 45¢ while heavy shrinking wool around Bozeman moved at 43.5¢ grease basis. The Livingston Pool sold at 54¢ and a fraction, f.o.b. A modest volume of fine and half-blood wools sold in northern Wyoming from 40¢-50¢ grease basis. Cross-bred ranch wools sold in the Yakima Valley in Washington around 40¢-42¢ a pound, grease basis, while the Franklin County Pool of about 2,500 cross-bred fleeces sold at 48½¢, f.o.b. The Palmer, Idaho Pool of about 12,000 fleeces, bulk half and three-eighths brought 51.26¢ grease basis. Original bag fine wools sold in California around $1.21-1.22 clean basis, delivered East.

Texas Wools - Demand for Texas wools continued broad with sales of good 12 months around $1.25 and 8 months wools at $1.05-1.08 while fall Texas wools sold at an estimated clean price around 95¢ delivered East.

Mohair - A small volume of mohair sold in Texas at 66½¢ for adult and 96½¢-$1.01½ for kid hair to the warehouse.

Foreign Wools - The Australian market held firm, but selection was poor. Activity in spot foreign wools continued dormant. Cabled reports at week's end follow with combing wools converted to clean U. S. oil-combed yields and short wools to scouring yields, in bond.

Australia Oil-combed		New Zealand Oil-combed	
77 -	$1.27	86 -	$.89
78 -	1.24	93 -	.87
78A-	1.21	834 -	.83
79 -	1.19	100 -	.81
80 -	1.17	107 -	.78
422 -	1.16	114 -	.77
423 -	1.10	121 -	.76
424 -	1.07	128 -	.75
425 -	1.03		

South Africa

Oil-combed		Scoured Yields	
7 -	$1.15	17 -	$1.06
8 -	1.13	22 -	1.04
12 -	1.13	23 -	1.03
47 -	1.13	27 -	1.01
48 -	1.12	28 -	1.00
52 -	1.12	32 -	.99
53 -	1.11	33 -	.97

Montevideo Super Skirted Wool

60/64s	-	$1.04-1.07
60s	-	1.00-1.02
60/58s	-	.97- .99
58/56s	-	.94- .96
56/50s	-	.93- .94

Carpet Wools - A few small lots of scoured Buenos Aires March 2nd clip carpet wools sold for shipment around 68¢ clean wool fibers present. Greasy Buenos Aires November second clips were offered for shipment around 71¢, March wools at 68¢, fleeces around 73¢-75¢ and 36/40s lambs at 70¢; New Zealand carpet fleeces around 73¢ and early shorn wools about 70¢, all clean wool fibers present. At the Liverpool sale on 4/4/62 about 3,638 bales of carpet wools were offered with interest limited and prices generally unchanged.

CLOSING FUTURES QUOTATIONS - Apr. 5, 1962
(Furnished by the Wool Associates of the New York Cotton Exchange)

May wool tops - $1.622 (Bid)
July wool tops - 1.603 (Bid)
64s grade - 2.55" minimum length

May wool - $1.245 (Bid)
July wool - 1.227 (Bid)
64s grade - 2½" ave. stretched length

WHOLESALE MEAT TRADE REVIEWS

LESS THAN CARLOT MEAT TRADE REVIEW

EASTERN SEABOARD - Steer beef prices were steady to $1.00 higher aside from some Good grade 50¢ lower at Philadelphia; cow beef steady to $1.00 lower; veal strong to $1.00 higher at New York and calf fully $1.00 higher at that market. The trend for veal at Philadelphia and Washington was steady to $2.00 lower and steady at other markets. Lamb was fully $1.00-1.50 higher at New York and steady to $1.00 higher at Washington, otherwise mostly steady. Pork loins sold weak to $2.00 lower. Other pork cuts were mostly steady, instances $1.00 lower for Boston butts and fresh skinned hams at New York.

Trading was fairly active for kosher dressed steer beef and lamb, but only moderately active for veal and calf. Quotations were unchanged, but bulk of late sales were in the upper half of the quotation range.

Supplies were normal in all divisions and adequate over all. Clearance was fairly complete despite sluggishness for pork with late flurry of buying instrumental in cleanup of loins. Trading for beef was generally active with demand fairly broad. Prime steer beef was in very small supply and moved readily with bulk to hotel and restaurant supply houses. Veal and calf movement was mostly fair with improvement at New York due mainly to broad spot interest by chain buyers. Lamb moved well at all markets, chain buyers the primary force on lamb at New York. Pork loins were generally slow as demand for pork centered on other cuts.

CHICAGO - Compared to the previous Friday: Good and Choice steer and heifer beef mostly 50¢ higher, Standard steer steady, veal steady, lamb steady to $1.00 higher, pork loins 8-16# steady, Boston butts 4-8# $2.00-2.50 higher, spareribs 3# down steady.

Steer and heifer beef, lamb and fresh pork supplies were normal, veal moderate. Good to average-Choice carcasses represented the bulk of beef, Prime relatively scarce. More 55-65# lamb carcasses available than lighter weights.

Carcass beef trade was generally slow. Demand for arm and squarecut chucks very narrow. Supply of ribs short of a good demand in most quarters as a minimum of fores was cut because of the poor chuck movement. Demand was fair for beef hindquarters, rounds and loins. Current price levels on veal stimulated a moderate demand ending a three-week period of lower prices during which time declines of $5.00-7.00 were recorded on most grades. Carcass lamb trade was moderately active as were hindsaddles. Fore end cuts rather slow, but clearance was fairly complete. Boston butts and spareribs moved well into most channels, slow opening trade on pork loins turned moderately active at the close.

PACIFIC COAST - Carcass steer and heifer beef trading was slow in California, steady. In the Pacific Northwest both classes sold moderately active, steer beef steady to $1.00 lower, decline on Standard and Good; heifer beef mostly steady, occasional sales Choice 50¢ higher. Cow and bull beef met a poor demand and trading was slow, 25-75¢ lower in California and steady to $1.00 lower in the Portland-Seattle area. Calf was fairly active, steady to 50¢ lower in Los Angeles. At other points trading was slow on veal and calf, but prices were unchanged. Spring lamb trading was slow in San Francisco and Los Angeles at $2.00 to $2.50 lower price levels. Old crop lamb met a poor demand and sold steady to 50¢ lower in Portland and Seattle.

Fresh pork cuts were slow throughout, about steady in California, steady to $4.00 lower in the Pacific Northwest with the most decline on loins and Boston butts. Cured pork was also slow, mostly steady in all areas.

CARLOT MEAT TRADE REVIEW

CHICAGO, DENVER, OMAHA, NEW YORK AND PHILADELPHIA - Although demand was only moderate and trading on normal supplies of steer and heifer beef was generally slow, prices advanced. However, part of the week's early advance was erased late, particularly on Choice carcasses. Steer and heifer beef sold steady to 50¢ higher with Good showing the most advance. Cow beef was 50¢-$1.00 higher. Clearance was complete on all classes.

Supplies of carcass lamb were normal. Demand was moderate and prices were strong to $1.50 higher, mostly around $1.00 higher. Clearance was good.

Fully normal supplies of pork products sold in an uneven trade. Loins were steady to 50¢ lower, pork butts sold $1.50-2.50 higher. Fresh hams 12-14# were steady to 50¢ lower with 14-16# weights steady to $1.00 higher. Pork carcasses sold steady to 30¢ lower at Philadelphia and New York. Clearance was generally complete on pork products.

WHOLESALE DRESSED MEAT PRICES - LESS THAN CARLOT BASIS
Weekly average of daily quotations in dollars per 100 pounds

Classification		New York		Chicago		San Francisco		Los Angeles	
		Apr. 7 1962	Apr. 8 1961	Apr. 7 1962	Apr. 8 1961	Apr. 7 1962	Apr. 8 1961	Apr. 7 1962	Apr. 8 1961
Steer beef -									
Prime	700-800#	48.35	44.25	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice	600-700	45.50	44.05	44.12	42.90	44.62	41.00	43.25	40.47
	700-800	45.25	42.55	43.62	41.20	43.75	39.25	42.50	39.00
Good	500-600	42.50	41.30	41.62	39.70	43.00	40.75	42.00	39.50
	600-700	42.75	41.55	41.38	39.70	42.25	39.25	41.00	38.50
Heifer beef -									
Choice	500-600#	--	--	43.88	41.50	43.50	39.50	42.75	40.25
	600-700	--	--	43.88	41.00	43.50	--	42.25	39.25
Good	500-600	--	--	40.62	38.25	42.00	--	--	39.00
Veal -									
Prime	90-120#	60.50	63.00	54.00	61.00	--	--	--	--
Choice	90-120	52.00	53.00	50.00	53.00	--	--	--	--
Good	90-120	47.40	47.50	46.00	48.50	55.50	52.00	--	--
Lamb -									
Prime	45-55#	38.45	38.50	37.12	37.94	40.25*	39.00*	--	39.38*
Choice	45-55	38.45	38.50	37.12	37.94	40.25*	39.00*	40.50*	39.38*
Fresh pork -									
Loins	8-12#	43.50	45.15	40.25	42.44	47.50	46.00	44.50	44.75
Butts	4-8	35.00	40.00	32.25	37.50	40.00	43.25	36.50	41.12
Spareribs	3# down	40.50	41.25	38.00	38.00	45.00	46.00	40.00	42.00
Hams, smk. skd. -									
Cook before eating	12-16#	46.50	45.50	--	46.50	51.50	47.75	49.50	45.50
Fully cooked -	10-14#	48.50	47.25	52.75	51.50	--	--	--	--
Bacon, smoked, sliced - 1# package (box lots)		47.50	48.00	50.00	53.25	51.50	52.45	48.50	54.00
Picnics, smoked - (Cook before eating)	4-8#	31.00	34.00	33.50	38.75	33.75	36.00	34.00	34.50
Lard, 1# carton		13.75	17.25	14.00	16.88	17.50	18.00	16.75	18.00

*Spring lamb.

BULK PRICES - CARLOT BASIS - WEEK ENDED APR. 6, 1962

Classification		Prices paid F.O.B.			Prices delivered	
		Chicago	Denver	Omaha	New York	Philadelphia
Steer beef -						
Choice	600-700#	42.50-43.00	41.50-42.00	42.00-42.25	44.50-45.50	44.50-45.00
	700-800	42.50-43.00	41.50-42.00	42.00-42.25	44.50-45.00	44.50-45.00
	800-900	43.00	41.50-42.00	42.00-42.25	44.50-45.00	44.50-45.00
Good	500-600	38.50-40.50	36.50-39.50	--	39.00-42.50	--
	600-700	38.50-40.50	36.50-39.50	39.25-40.50	39.50-43.00	41.00-43.00
	700-800	38.50-40.50	36.50-39.50	37.50-39.25	39.50-42.50	40.50-42.50
Heifer beef -						
Choice	500-600#	42.50	40.75-41.00	41.75	--	44.25-44.50
	600-700	42.50	40.75-41.00	41.75	--	44.25-44.50
Good	500-600	38.50-39.50	--	38.25-39.00	--	--
	600-700	38.50-39.50	38.00	38.25-39.00	--	--
Cow beef - All weights -						
Utility		28.50-29.00	30.00-30.50	27.75-28.25	--	30.00-30.50
Canner and Cutter		28.50-29.00	--	27.75 28.25	--	29.50-30.00
Lamb -						
Prime	35-45#	36.50-37.00	34.50-35.50	35.50-36.00	38.00-40.00	38.00-38.50
	45-55	35.00-36.00	33.50-34.50	34.25-35.00	37.00-38.00	37.00-37.50
	55-65	32.50-34.00	31.00-33.00	32.25-33.25	35.00-36.00	33.50-34.50
Choice	35-45	36.50-37.00	34.50-35.50	35.50-36.00	38.00-40.00	38.00-38.50
	45-55	35.00-36.00	33.50-34.50	34.25-35.00	37.00-38.00	37.00-37.50
	55-65	32.50-34.00	31.00-33.00	32.25-33.25	35.00-36.00	33.50-34.50
Fresh pork -						
Loins	8-12#	37.50-38.50	--	37.25-37.50	--	38.50-39.50

Beef, lamb and pork: Live animal prices, wholesale and retail values, and marketing spreads

Item	Live to wholesale spreads								
	Beef			Lamb			Pork		
	Feb. 1962	Jan. 1962	Feb. 1961	Feb. 1962	Jan. 1962	Feb. 1961	Feb. 1962	Jan. 1962	Feb. 1961
	Dollars per 100 pounds live weight								
Live animal price 1/	25.78	25.79	26.00	16.97	16.81	17.14	17.04	17.62	18.54
Wholesale value 2/	28.72	28.85	28.92	21.54	22.15*	21.40	22.16	22.34	23.64
Spread 3/	2.94	3.06	2.92	4.57	5.34*	4.26	5.12	4.72	5.10
	Wholesale to retail spreads								
	Dollars per 100 pounds carcass weight								
Wholesale price 4/	44.10	44.23	44.60	38.19	39.48	39.41	41.68	42.32	43.94
Retail value 5/	59.79	59.35	60.53	60.21	61.56	61.11	58.10	58.20*	59.70
Spread 6/	15.69	15.12	15.93	22.02	22.08	21.70	16.42	15.88*	15.76

1/ Beef: Weighted average price of Choice grade steers at 20 leading public stockyards.
Lamb: Weighted average price of Choice grade lambs at 13 leading public stockyards.
Pork: Average price of 200-220 pound barrows and gilts, Chicago.

2/ Wholesale value of carcass and byproducts.

3/ Difference between live animal price and wholesale value.

4/ Beef and lamb: Weighted average of prices of Choice grade carcasses in New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Seattle. Pork: Value of 100 pounds of pork cuts at Chicago computed from price quotations of individual cuts in the Livestock Market News and the National Provisioner.

5/ Calculated from average retail prices of major retail cuts of meat in urban areas, published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The retail value per 100 pounds carcass weight is 74 percent of average retail cost of 100 pounds of retail cuts for beef and 90 percent for lamb, because fat, bone, and trim are sold by retailers at nominal prices.

6/ The difference between wholesale price and retail value. *Revised.

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MEAT AND MEAT FOOD PRODUCTS INSPECTED WHEN OFFERED FOR IMPORTATION
(USDA - ARS - Meat Inspection Division)

February 1962

Country of origin	Fresh meats and edible offal			Cured meats	
	Beef and Veal	Lamb and Mutton	Pork	Beef	Pork
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
Argentina	--	--	--	--	--
Australia	8,736,204	3,002,468	6,900	--	--
Brazil	--	--	--	--	--
Canada	1,378,538	236,408	3,645,465	2,163	388,565
Denmark	--	--	--	--	--
Germany	--	--	--	--	9,283
Holland	--	--	--	--	5,810
Ireland	7,373,653	--	--	--	6,740
Mexico	5,172,236	--	--	--	--
New Zealand	6,144,556	295,630	--	--	--
Paraguay	--	--	--	--	--
Poland	--	--	--	--	--
Uruguay	--	--	--	--	--
All others	3,259,789	35,716	--	4,000	10,470
Total - Feb. 1962	32,064,976	3,570,222	3,652,365	6,163	420,868
Feb. 1961	29,828,016	4,288,535	2,437,243	233,637	428,606
Refused or condemned:					
Feb. 1962	202,894	40,549	--	--	--
Feb. 1961	125,317	--	--	--	1,084

Country of origin	Canned meats			Cooked beef	Sausage (Trichina treated)	General miscellaneous	Total
	Beef	Pork	Miscellaneous				
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
Argentina	2,745,865	--	44,878	759,966	--	225,022	3,775,731
Australia	10,767	--	--	--	--	--	11,756,339
Brazil	1,018,769	--	--	276,600	--	--	1,295,369
Canada	36,492	184,629	6,585	--	4,118	237,000	6,119,963
Denmark	--	3,185,459	649,775	--	349,047	24,000	4,208,281
Germany	--	81,712	563	--	26,415	--	117,973
Holland	5,562	3,830,348	19,906	--	12,180	--	3,873,806
Ireland	--	--	--	--	--	--	7,380,393
Mexico	--	--	--	--	--	--	5,172,236
New Zealand	--	--	--	--	--	--	6,440,186
Paraguay	591,323	--	--	--	--	--	591,323
Poland	--	842,850	283,258	--	--	--	1,126,108
Uruguay	826,145	--	--	--	--	14,784	840,929
All others	15,888	258,106	57,779	--	42,815	4,281	3,688,844
Total - Feb. 1962	5,250,811	8,383,104	1,062,744	1,036,566	434,575	505,087	56,387,481
Feb. 1961	3,402,327	8,885,503	546,017	1,460,897	452,541	314,670	52,277,992
Refused or condemned:							
Feb. 1962	866	4,360	2,188	--	529	--	251,386
Feb. 1961	21,988	17,244	2,732	--	17,604	--	185,969

Note: In addition to the above, imports of horse meat (in pounds) for February 1962 were as follows - Argentina 643,447, Canada 152,577, Mexico 397,550. February 1961 - Argentina 624,288, Canada 17,125, Mexico 19,500.

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SHEEP AND LAMBS: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS
In dollars per 100 pounds

Classification		Chicago	Omaha	Kansas City	Fort Worth	Denver	Ogden	North Portland
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: (Wooled) 80-110#								
Prime	Apr. 7, 1962	18.40	17.90	19.30*	--	18.00	--	16.75
	Apr. 8, 1961	17.75	--	18.92*	--	--	--	--
Choice	Apr. 7, 1962	17.75	17.62	18.60*	18.75*	17.18	--	16.25
	Apr. 8, 1961	17.30	17.00	17.58*	18.00*	16.68	--	15.62
Good	Apr. 7, 1962	16.75	16.70	--	17.00*	16.00	--	15.50
	Apr. 8, 1961	16.22	16.08	16.25*	16.75*	15.75	--	14.88
EWES: (Wooled) 90-150#								
Good	Apr. 7, 1962	5.05	5.18	5.00	6.40**	5.25**	--	5.50**
Good & Ch.	Apr. 8, 1961	7.30	6.42	5.00	--	6.88	--	5.50**
Utility	Apr. 7, 1962	5.25	5.12	4.75	6.00**	4.50**	--	5.25**
Cull & Util.	Apr. 8, 1961	6.55	5.45	4.25	5.55**	5.50	--	4.00**
Cull	Apr. 7, 1962	5.00	4.00	4.00	5.50**	3.50**	--	4.00**
FEEDER LAMBS: (Wooled) 60-80#								
Fancy	Apr. 7, 1962	--	17.00	--	--	16.80	--	--
Choice	Apr. 7, 1962	--	16.50	--	15.00	16.12	--	14.25
Good & Ch.	Apr. 8, 1961	--	16.12	--	13.50	15.75	--	--
Good	Apr. 7, 1962	--	14.75	--	13.50	15.12	--	13.00

* Spring lambs.
** Shorn basis.